

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

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ALPHONS A.M.L. BRUEKERS

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Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to the issuance of a first Office Action, please amend
the above-identified application as follows: